

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment which is presented for the purpose of placing the application in immediate condition for allowance.

All rejected claims have been deleted without, however, agreeing with or admitting any allegations of non-patentability thereof.

A three month extension of time, together with the fee associated therewith for a small entity, is filed herewith.

The indication of allowable subject matter; namely, Claims 23, 51, 52, 54 and 59-63 is noted with appreciation.

The claims indicated as allowable have been rewritten as newly-presented Claims 70-78.

The relativity between the former claims and new Claims 70 to 78 is shown below for the convenience of the Examiner.

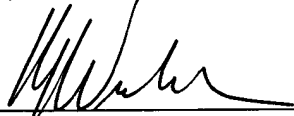
<u>New Claim</u>	<u>Former Claims</u>
70	23 + 22, 19, 18, 17
71	51 + 40, 36, 17
72	52 + 40, 36, 17
73	54 + 52
74	59 + 58, 17
75	60 + 59
76	61 + 60
77	62 + 17
78	63 + 17

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Applicants submit that with entry of this amendment, the application is in condition for allowance and, therefore, request favorable action at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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